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ABSTRACT

The Marine Physical Laboratory provided ship support services and technical support to the MARSEA-15 for Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC), San Diego, CA projects Advanced Unmanned Search System (AUSS) and Advanced Tethered Vehicle (ATV). These programs were of direct interest to MPL in our research areas of autonomous and tethered vehicles.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the effort was to provide support services to AUSS and ATV. ATV is a tethered vehicle which is able to do a variety of underwater work, salvage and recovery operations in the deep ocean. AUSS is an untethered free swimming vehicle system designed to conduct deep ocean search operations. AUSS was in the test, evaluation and demonstration phase of the program where as the ATV had recently completed test, evaluation and the demonstration phase.

COMPLETED WORK

The services provided included power, security, berthing, crane and rigging support, and shop support to assist in shipboard installation and removal of project equipment.

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